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High: 65
Low: 53



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Mostly Cloudy
High: 76
Low: 51



Sunday

Mostly Cloudy
High: 76
Low: 56

Walkathon Shatters Goals

By MARGARET O'TOOLE
Guest Staff Writer

When children from the Coprume orphanage, the beneficiary of last year's Walkathon, heard about the Virginia Tech shooting, they pooled their small amount of money to buy a phone card to call the States and make sure their friends in Virginia were alright.

Shin Fujiyama, who received the phone call, addressed the gathered crowd.

"I just talked to Carmen on the phone," Fujiyama said. "She's just so excited you are all here."

Fujiyama is the president and founder of SHH, and this year marks the second annual SHH Walkathon for Hope.

Last year, SHH aimed for \$33,000. With a double match grant from Doris Buffett of the Sunshine Lady Foundation, they reached an unpreceded \$148,000.

This year students set the bar higher. They aimed to provide homes for all 72 families in the refugee village of Siete de Abril, where more than 200 children live in shacks of rags and cardboard.

The idea was born from a request from 10-year-old Carmen Flores, one of those children.

"Dear Shin..." she wrote in crumpled Spanish. "Thank you so much for helping us. I don't have food right now.



Thomas Wilson/Bullet

Shin Fujiyama leads the first loop of the 2007 walkathon with his siblings and the Sunshine Lady Foundation founder Doris Buffett. The students earned over \$170,000 for the Honduras fund.

Givelife" contest from Dodge Motors, SHH succeeded in earning \$20,000.

After three months of feverish

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Tuition To Rise, Admins Say

By KATY BURNELL
News Editor

UMW students could pay up to \$1300 more in tuition and fees next year, thanks to a 6.3 percent increase approved April 20 by the Board of Visitors.

The cost hike, proposed by Acting President Rick Hurley, passed unanimously at last Friday's BOV meeting. This places UMW in the mid-range of eight Virginia higher-learning institutions that have announced tuition and fees increases for the 2007-2008 academic year.

Speaking at last week's meeting, Hurley said that the school considered raising tuition even higher, as they had in previous years. The school settled on a six percent fee hike after the state General Assembly approved plans to reward state colleges and universities that kept tuition and fees increases low.

Hurley said that UMW qualified for \$120,000 of the \$7.2 million Tuition Incentive Fund created in Feb. 2007.

"It's not a whole lot of money," Hurley said. "This is probably more political than anything, but it's a smart thing

to do."

The students hardest-hit by this year's tuition and fees increase are out-of-state students living on campus, who will pay an additional \$1,366 in tuition, fees, room and board for the 2007-2008 school year.

In-state students living on campus face a \$772 increase, and in-state students living off campus will pay \$410 more next year. Out-of-state, off-campus students' costs will jump by \$1,004.

Cost increases will extend to CGPS students. In-state graduate students will pay \$17 more per credit hour than they did during the current academic year. Out-of-state graduate students will pay \$664 per credit hour next year, an increase of \$38 per hour.

Hurley, who is also vice president of administration, finance and legislative affairs, said that plan for two new residence halls drove the University's decision to increase student fees.

"We need \$35 million for the residence halls, and we're facing salary in-

In-State School Cost Increases

Total Cost	\$Increase	%Increase
UVA \$15,935	\$1,181	8.0%
UMW \$13,100	\$845	6.3%
JMU \$13,502	\$716	5.6%
VCU \$13,763	\$681	5.2%
VMI \$16,156	\$753	4.9%

creases, too," Hurley said.

UMW has to meet the state halfway on wage raises, paying .51 cents for every extra dollar earned.

Additional costs driving the tuition and fee hike stem from several projects including the UMW store in downtown Fredericksburg, building rentals necessitated by Le Hall construction, and the creation of new faculty and staff positions.

Last year, the BOV raised student fees by seven percent. The costs driving the '06-'07 tuition and fees hike were also salary increases and construction costs.

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Master Debators Win Gold

By JUSTIN TONEY
Staff Writer

For the first time in its history, the University of Mary Washington lays claim to a varsity team ranked first for national intercollegiate debate competition.

The Intercollegiate Policy Debate Team has ranked highly in at least one of the national debate ranking systems for years. This year, UMW varsity debate took first place in the American Debate Association (ADA) tournament season.

Three two-man teams from Mary Washington competed at the ADA National Tournament in Lynchburg between March 10 and 12. Each won awards for their performances.

Seniors Scott Berry and William Collins placed fifth for the tournament, bested in the quarterfinals by the University of Georgia, the nation's highest ranking school.

Their high placement contributed to the overall varsity ranking in the ADA, one of three national debate organizations.

Tim O'Donnell, debate director and speech professor, remarked on the varsity achievement.



Courtesy of umw.edu

Junior Cassandra Carlton and Freshman Amanda Gardner show off their novice-category trophy.

"Our first place ranking is really the result of strong performances from September through March," O'Donnell said.

With junior Nick Ryan last semes-

ter, Berry placed first at an ADA tournament hosted by the University of Richmond.

During the George Mason tournament earlier this semester, UMW held all three top positions for the competition.

O'Donnell was impressed by the team's efforts this year.

"A lot of people are focusing in on this number one ranking in varsity, but there are so many good things that happened over the course of the year," he said.

Adrian Gardner and Cassandra Carlton comprise UMW's freshman debate team. Missing first by a low margin, they finished second in the ADA National Tournament's novice competition.

Gardner commented on their achievements.

"We couldn't have done it without our amazing varsity team," Gardner said. "They're so hard-working, and just so incredible."

UMW focuses strongly on all competition levels, according to various members of the debate program.

William Collins explained how

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Emerson Named Pulitzer Judge

By BRITTANY DEVRIES
News Editor

A committee phone call awarded Claudia Emerson the Pulitzer for poetry in 2006, but a voice lingered over the line after the congratulations were offered.

After the Pulitzer committee phone call awarded Claudia Emerson with the Pulitzer for poetry last year, the voice lingered on the line.

Despite achieving the Pulitzer for her 2005 poetry collection, 'Late Wife,' Emerson realized that her correspondence with the committee was far from over.

A few weeks later, after reading hundreds of poem collections, Emerson, English professor at the University of Mary Washington, was one of three serving as judge for the 2007 Pulitzer for poetry.

"The judging selection began within two weeks of earning the Pulitzer," Emerson said. "Books began arriving in early summer."

Required to keep her position secret until the recipients were announced, Emerson was very pleased to be appointed to the Pulitzer's 2007 judges' panel.

"I am proud to have participated in the decision," she said. "I believe it is important to give back to the profession."

The 2007 Pulitzer winners were publicly announced April 17.

Joseph Legaspi, administrative assistant for Pulitzer prizes at Columbia University, said there was no set system to choosing the preliminary judges.

"The board recommends people to be jurors," Legaspi said.

Cynthia Huntington, English professor at Dartmouth, and Rafael Campo, associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, comprised the rest of the Pulitzer judges for this year's poetry judging panel. Huntington served as panel chair.

Legaspi commented that the three professors' professional backgrounds helped sway the board's decision to choose them.

"These are individuals who are pro-

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Merna Pleas Alford, Case Closed

By STACY HORNE
Staff Writer

Over one year and three trials later, the case involving Tessa Merna's arrest for the theft of her roommate's iPod, iTunes and American Eagle gift cards has come to a close.

On April 3, the Fredericksburg General District Court dismissed Merna's case after the judge found that she had satisfied the requirements of her plea bargain.

Merna was arrested in March 2006 for stealing from student Holly Harrell.

At her first criminal trial last spring, Merna's lawyer, Ben Woodbridge, approached Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Travis Bird about a possible plea bargain. Bird checked with Harrell before advising Woodbridge to accept the plea.

"I figured she was going to get it bad enough from the Honor Council so I told him to go ahead and accept the plea bargain," Bird said.

The plea asked that charges be reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor providing that Merna serve a year's probation, 300 hours of community service and agree to plead guilty at her Honor Council hearing.

After the UMW Judicial Review Board found her guilty of honor offenses, Merna appealed to preserve the credit she earned that past semester.

Harrell was never told the outcome of the appeal. "I didn't want to screw her over by having her get charged in criminal court and then lose all of her credits and standing at UMW," Harrell said.

"I guess that really backfired in my face," Harrell said.

Since the American Eagle gift card theft was a separate offense, Merna was to attend a separate Honor Council hearing scheduled for the fall. The second hearing never took place. Because Harrell did not respond to Honor Council correspondence in a "reasonable time," the remaining charges against Merna were dropped.

"The absurd part about this is that I was not currently enrolled so I was not checking my student e-mail on a regular basis," Harrell said.

According to Harrell, Merna claimed she took the items jokingly, to encourage Harrell to lock their door.

"To the rest of the UMW community that she was friends with, she denied ever taking any of it," Harrell said. "It makes me sick to think that someone isn't even regretful of what they did."

According to Fredericksburg General District Court documents, Merna entered an Alford Plea on April 3 for the misdemeanor petty larceny charge.

The court ordered Merna to perform 150 hours of unsupervised community service. She and her family members are prohibited from having any contact with Harrell.

Merna, who will graduate from UMW on May 12, was not available for comment.

Pleas Alford, Case Closed



Police Beat

By KATY BURNELL
News Editor



March 28- At 12:09 p.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Avey Hall blacked out in the Eagle's Nest. Campus police escorted her to the health center where she refused ambulance transport.

March 29- At 10:50 p.m., an Eagles Nest employee reported finding a wallet belonging to a 20-year-old male resident of Bushnell. The wallet contained a valid driver's license and a fake ID. Police referred the student to the administration.

March 31- At 10:05 p.m., a caller told campus police that the dumpster next to Russell Hall was on fire. The Fredericksburg Fire Dept. extinguished the blaze before significant damage was done to the dumpster. Police were unable to determine what started the fire.

April 2- At 10:20 a.m., a 22-year-old female UMW Apartments resident reported to campus police that she suspected her ex-boyfriend of stealing the key to her apartment after a fight. After advising the student to take legal action, police had the locks changed. Residence Life issued both occupants new keys.

CRIME OF THE WEEK

April 5- At 2:38 a.m., police received reports of a brawl occurring outside of Russell Hall. The responding officer found two male students assaulting a third. The victim, a 21-year-old Westmoreland Hall resident, told police that the two men were shouting at him from their fourth-floor window. The exchange escalated until the attackers ran downstairs to confront the victim physically. The victim does not wish to press charges, and there were no serious injuries.

April 6- At 3:26 a.m., police received a call after a 22-year-old female resident of Westmoreland Hall was found unresponsive in her room. The student was rushed to Mary Washington Hospital after Fredericksburg Rescue Squad arrived on scene.

April 9- At 2:57 p.m., police received a report that a 20-year-old female resident's backpack had been stolen from the main entrance of Seacocke. The estimated value, including two textbooks, totals \$130. There are no suspects or witnesses in the case.

April 12- At 9:50 a.m., Housekeeping reported finding an up-turned Russell

Hall bathroom trashcan with empty alcohol containers strewn across the floor. After examining a vomit-clogged sink near the trashcan, police estimated that the incident had occurred in the last 24 hours. Police have referred two suspects to the administration.

April 14- At 7:55 a.m., a UMW grounds worker reported finding a small amount of marijuana and two smoking devices wrapped in a black nylon case in the George Washington parking lot. Campus police destroyed the items.

April 15- At 11:59 p.m., police responded to a purse and credit-card theft reported by an 18-year-old Virginia Hall resident. After investigating, police arrested the victim's suite-mate, Jessica R. Sok, for petty larceny and felony credit-card theft. Sok was referred to Residence Life. Her first court appearance is scheduled for May 3.

April 16- At 2:41 a.m., an 18-year-old Virginia Hall resident reported to campus police that her \$500 Louis Vuitton purse was stolen. Police have a suspect and the case is ongoing.

April 20- At 11:55 a.m., both UMW campus and Fredericksburg police responded to reports of a ticking sound coming from a blue vehicle on the second floor of the parking deck. Police located the vehicle's owners, parents of a prospective student, and determined that the ticking resulted from a power window malfunction.

April 21- At 8:39 a.m., a 19-year-old Virginia Hall resident called campus police after receiving threats from her ex-boyfriend, a Warsaw, Va. resident who had been staying on campus. The ex-boyfriend had left by the time police responded on scene. Police issued the offender a trespass warning.

April 22- At 12:21 a.m., a 19-year-old female resident of Marshall Hall called campus police after being accosted by an intoxicated white male in Marshall circle. The victim told campus police that the man, who looked to be 20 years of age, told her that was going to shoot up the UMW campus, like Virginia Tech. Both Fredericksburg and UMW campus police led unsuccessful searches for the suspect, who was last seen walking up Sylvania Avenue in blue jeans and a white t-shirt.

Club Brings Animal Rights To Campus

By KATHRYN SAUNDERS
Staff Writer

The year began on a rough note for the Animal Rights Club with an initial struggle to attain funding from OSACs. When the ARC painted The Rock, which bore artwork pertaining to a separate animal rights event earlier in the year, it was vandalized the next day.

ARC President Erin Rehyan was still hopeful.

"It's always upsetting when something like that happens," Rehyan said. "Hopefully some people appreciated our efforts... I feel this year has been the most successful year for the club to date."

As the club's membership expanded, Animal Rights Week, a nationally recognized week for the awareness in animal rights, turned out to be a culmination of that productive year.

The ARC provided a week-long, campus-wide event, which included appearances by respected speakers and a vegan food demonstration in Seacocke.

Members of the ARC also maintained an informational table at the Eagle's Nest every day that week. The table's theme changed daily to focus on the five ways humans use and interact with animals: clothing, entertainment, science, food and companionship.

The ARC also introduced the possibility of improving vegan and vegetarian food options for the campus. On April 19, Seacocke hosted an event called the "Veg Advantage," serving samples of vegan chicken and beef casseroles.

Vegan food may be served more regularly at the University, if student re-

views of the event turn out to have been favorable enough to warrant change.

Freshman Emily Sack explained this point.

"I would like to see it in the future and I would definitely eat it again," Sack said.

The week also featured presentations by Samantha Emmswiler and Jon Camp of Vegan Outreach.

ARC Vice President Morgan Hembree believed that the events were successful.

"It was pretty amazing. We got to a few people, and that makes it worthwhile," Hembree said.

Although Animal Rights Week has reached its conclusion, the ARC hopes to further the club's publicity and membership throughout the following year, since it had trouble finding substantial publicity and support.

Freshman Laura Pilati was not aware that the Animal Rights week was taking place.

"I didn't really realize any of these events were going on this week," Pilati said.

Despite adversity, the club's most

devout members remain vehement to the cause of upholding the rights of ani-



Courtesy of Morgan Leigh Hembree

UMW Animal Rights Club members rally for the better treatment of animals. The club hosted Animal Rights Week to recognize animal abuse.

progress in furthering their cause this year.

"We have attended some protests and through our tabling efforts, I think we have at the very least raised awareness to animal rights issues and causes," Rehyan said.

The Animal Rights Club has already decided to organize another chain of events for Animal Rights Week for the spring of 2008.

Rehyan thinks that the club made

Prof. Picked For 2007 Pulitzer Panel

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Courtesy of pulitzer.org

Claudia Emerson was one of three judges for the 2007 Pulitzer for poetry. Winners were announced on April 17.

thing you don't really want to make distinct."

Though the elected judging panel sifts through hundreds of works to decide on three finalists each year, it is

the Pulitzer Board committee that chooses the final recipient for the award.

"We don't know who wins until the world does," Emerson said.

From June until November last year, Emerson sorted through the nearly 300 volumes of work that were sent to her office in Combs Hall.

Poetry is like music. If you listen to every piece of jazz last year, there is some kind of piece you don't care for," she said. "There were also lots that I admired, some poets that were reintroduced to me for the first time, some that I was reintroduced to."

Though selecting the three finalists was challenging, Emerson said the year was an enjoyable experience.

"It was a wonderful emergence of what happened in one year of American poetry," she said.

With very many, and distinguished accomplishments in her writing, Emerson has been a professor of English at UMW for the past nine years, receiving the Arington Distinguished Chair in Poetry in 2006.

Her poetry collections, 'Pharoah,

'Pinion, an Elegy,' as well as 'Late Wife,' were all published by the Louisiana State University Press. The LSU Press remains credited with her original nomination for a Pulitzer in 2006, having also nominated 'Pinion' in 2002.

Barbara Outland, Marketing Manager for the LSU Press, received Emerson's appointment as a Pulitzer judge with praise.

"Claudia would make an excellent judge," Outland said. "She has been judging student work for many years in her classes, and I'm sure she did an excellent job as a judge for the Pulitzer."

To celebrate Emerson's Pulitzer achievement, LSU hosted a reading in her honor on Tuesday. Emerson read excerpts from 'Late Wife' at a downtown theater in Baton Rouge.

Outland was excited to take part in the celebration.

"We are finally able to have her here," Outland said.

This year's Pulitzer for poetry recipient was Natasha Trethewey, for her poetry collection entitled 'Native Guard.'

Correction

The April 19 article, "Frawley Recovering," mistakenly identified Psychology Dept. Chair Deborah Steckler as Debbie Steckler.

Clarification

Sarah Goodrum wished to issue a clarification concerning the April 19 article, "SGA Candidate Contends For Re-do." Goodrum joined Nick Perilla's Facebook group on purpose, not by mistake. She invited others to the group by mistake.

Viewpoints

Staff Editorial

By WILL COPPS
Editor In Chief

Saying hello as the new Editor in Chief of *The Bullet* is exciting, but saying goodbye to everyone I have gotten to know that is graduating this year is a sadness that far outweighs it.

If you are a freshman, keep your wits up and realize that all these people you see every day won't be here next year. They're going to go on with their lives and some you will never see again.

Instead of worrying about the awkwardness of saying goodbye, trust me in that it will be much worse when you miss them next year and you realize you rushed out of school to get home a few hours early instead of saying goodbye.

This year we have all been through a lot together, from cursing the construction to hearing strange stories about President Frawley. Let the people around you know you might not have liked it all, but you appreciated they were there to share it with you.

Newt Gingrich is not going to pro-

vide an adequate goodbye. He was recently quoted as blaming the Virginia Tech tragedy on liberalism, just as he did with Columbine. He is a terrible choice for a speaker, especially at a sister institution of Virginia Tech.

But it doesn't really matter who the University brings in. They could bring in Abraham Lincoln and the graduates would still leave with empty spots in their hearts. The best goodbyes are going to be from the people these graduates have spent their last few years with.

I'd like to say goodbye to all the seniors that I have spent my time with, particularly the ones who have made this paper an award-winning publication that we are so fortunate to inherit.

Goodbye to all the graduates. We love you and we wish you all of the best. Don't forget your roots, and especially don't forget to visit frequently next year if you can. We'll miss you.

The New Plan for Iraq

By LUKE CUMBERLAND
Guest Columnist

More than four years have passed since the United States dove headlong into Iraq with the noble intentions of eradicating their weapons of mass destruction. Since that time we have removed a dictator, declared victory, and held democratic elections—all seemingly positive steps.

But, will the Iraqi people tolerate a prolonged American occupation that will last for years and years to come?

The current mess in Iraq would shout to the world "No." The "Islamofascism," as James Woolsey of Booz Allen Hamilton calls it, has permeated both major sects of Islam, is the gravest threat to a long term integration of democracy in Iraq and it is preventing any progress there governmentally.

Woolsey contends that "We [America] face at least two fanatical theocratic totalitarian movements in the Middle East today." The first movement is al Qaeda and the Saudi Wahabists sect within Sunni Islam. The second movement is represented by President Ahmadinejad of Iran within Shi'ite Islam.

These two forces incorporate a deadly religious fervor with a political lust for a global caliphate, which is a theocracy operating under the movement's version of ancient Islamic law, as Woolsey stated in his testimony to the United States Committee on the Judiciary in February 2006.

To reiterate: these beliefs have suffused the major sects of Islam, and are not compatible with democracy in the least. And, it is important to remember that these movements are not exclusively political—this is not a matter of Democrat or Republican, but of religious faith—faith that many terrorists continue to kill themselves and innumerable others for.

But, this hatred towards America and all non-Islamic peoples knows no borders or boundaries—we are not just fighting this battle in Iraq; Iran continues to supply weapons like rocket-propelled grenades to Shiite forces in Iraq to wield against us.

The communal bond that the Shiite sect of Islam provides between Iraqis and Iranians is a unifying one that these rival nations can share.

The Iraqi and Iranian Shites have coalesced under the banner of abhorrence for the United States. Daniel Byman, a Senior Fellow for Foreign Policy Studies at the Washington Post, insists that, "They [most Iranians] empathize with their fellow Shites in Iraq, with whom they have historic ties and shared religious traditions...they blame the United States for the violence that has swept Iraq since Hussein fell."

The U.S. is essentially at war with an ideology; an ideology that is shared by a belligerent, anti-American state in Iran, and a turbulent, ravaged, and irritated country in Iraq. The Shites, who supported the overthrow of Hussein, have turned their loathing on the U.S. This united opposition is a religious front against America and Democracy—they, like most Americans are against the war in Iraq.

So, what are we to do? Pull out completely? No, we need to redeploy our troops to Iraqi borders and prevent foreign intervention in the already raging civil war in Iraq.

The American buffer in Iraq in combating sects of Islam may be policing the current violence between them, but they can merely dilute the violence, not quell the ever-intensifying eruption of total warfare.

The time has come for the Iraqi people to determine their own destiny. The United States has done all it can through military, financial, and economic contributions to this infant democracy. This war has been a very taxing one for the U.S. as we have lost many lives, and have plunged further into deficit.

We are borrowing billions of dollars from China and Europe to fund this war, despite the support from European nations like England who have begun a withdrawal of their troops.

The fall trap of borrowing money from nations like China can only hurt the U.S. Their economy is at an astounding rate, and the U.S. will soon be competing with growing powers like China in the very near future economically.

With every wasted day in Iraq, the people there become more spiteful, the terrorists more irritated, and our number of casualties greater. Though we cannot and should not simply apologize for invading

Hilarity can Heal

By RICHARD VASQUEZ
Guest Columnist

any given time.

I never quite cared so much about how the audience left feeling.

That changed Monday.

This show was supposed to be both mine and Chris 'Swiss' Mayer's last. Prior to Monday, we were expecting that to be the biggest event of the evening.

But when tragedy struck in Virginia Tech, I think some people in the audience just needed us. They could have sat at home moping and getting angry over the impotent frustration that arrives when we must ask 'why'?

Instead, the audience looked for a way to get away from what was going on, to find sanctuary in a few crazy people who were trying their hardest to entertain them. They laughed harder than ever, smiled throughout and their faces seemed to have a light that I'd rarely seen before. Many of them came up after the show to tell us how well we did, but all I could do was thank them, thank every one of them.

The mutualism of the last shows between us and the audience was the best it had ever been. We were giving them an escape, and they were giving us their joy. It may not seem like much, but when the day is getting more and more depressing, and all you want to do is let someone escape, the satisfaction of seeing it happen is amazing.

After the show, the elation I felt was as close to being high that I will ever feel. As I close toward the end of my time at college and see that 30 years old is now even closer than it seemed before, I know that this is a night I will never forget.

I was glad I could do something. I was glad I could make people laugh with funny accents and poop jokes.

I wrote this because I want to thank every person who came that night. I and all the others in the Undeniably Adjacent enjoyed giving our best on such a tragic night.

Thanks to anyone who ever went to our shows, but especially this one.

Richard Vasquez is a senior.



Photo courtesy of boston.com

ing their country under false pretenses, we can and should continue to fight the War on Terror that is essential to protecting the U.S. homeland from another strike.

The world is replete with conflict worthy of our attention. The U.S. is being pulled in many directions right now with the Katrina disaster at home, the lunatics at the respective heads of the Iranian and North Korean governments, the genocide in Darfur, and the War on Terror among myriad other issues.

But, focusing militarily on the War on Terror and containing the Iraqi civil war need to be our foremost concerns right now to stabilize that restless region of the world.

This war—which was a mistake in hindsight with current intelligence regarding WMD's—will not only define this administration's spell, but also consume the money and energy of the next admin-

istration as completely—leaving us in debt, incapable of responding militarily anywhere else in the globe, and distracted from important domestic issues.

The terrorists will not stay in Iraq if the U.S. forces are redeployed, then withdrawn over time.

If the Iraqi people truly desired a democracy, this would not be as much a problem as it is, and continues to be with each day passed there.

The U.S. is not fighting terrorism in Iraq; we are merely entangling ourselves further with issues that the Iraqi people refuse to solve through means other than violence.

This war cannot be won by the U.S., it can only make a more problematic political slough out of the region, and increase the opposition to the U.S. among terrorist factions and Middle Eastern nations.

Luke Cumberland is a freshman.

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Features

Uggs Live On In Students' Closets

By KAY BOATNER
Staff Writer

UMW junior Jamie Clevenger rummages under her bed and haphazardly throws one sheepskin boot after another over her shoulder. The pile of furry footwear keeps growing until five pairs of brown, scuffed boots have been deposited onto her floor.

"They're all real Uggs," says Clevenger. "I don't wear fugs."

"Uggs" is a generic term for a style of sheepskin boots manufactured by many companies today. The shoes were created in Australia nearly 20 years ago and typically have a tanned outer surface.

Real uggs, made with Australian sheepskin, are the preferred style, but fake Uggs, or fugs, serve as a cheaper alternative for those on a budget.

The boots were originally only worn outside by surfers as a way to keep warm out of the water. It wasn't until the late 1990s that non-surfers began to don the shoes outdoors.

Forward-thinking fashionistas recognized the potential of the boots and began to wear them more frequently during the early 2000's.

The new millennium marked a dramatic spike in the footware's popularity outside of Australia. American celebrities like Pamela Anderson and Kate Hudson are credited with making the boots a part of the U.S.'s fashion landscape.

Sales figures show that celebrities weren't the only ones buying the boots. In 2003, following an advertisement on the Oprah Winfrey show, Uggs sales for America's primary Ugg producer, Decker's Outdoor Corp. in Goleta, CA, increased by almost 50% to \$10 million. Sheepskin footwear became a major category in most department stores and retail shoe stores worldwide.

Clevenger is among those who bought boots in bulk.

"I have five pairs," says Clevenger, a Point Pleasant, NJ native. "Everyone from my home-

town wears them everywhere, inside or outside."

Although she's a devoted fan of Uggs, Clevenger was surprised at how quickly the boots took over the UMW community.

"My freshman year, no one wore them," she said. "Then, all of a sudden, every one and their mother were wearing them."

Clevenger's own mother does in fact own two pairs of Uggs boots. Her sister owns four and even her father has a pair.

"We're like the happy little Ugg family," she jokes. "We wear them all the time."

The Clevenger's aren't the only Ugg-wearers around.

Katie Nelson, a 20-year-old junior at UMW, just recently became a fan of the cozy shoes.

"I got my first ones this past fall, but I love them already," she said.

Nelson now owns two pairs, although one of them is fake, but she says she likes her real Uggs better than the imposters.

"You can totally tell a difference between the real ones and the fake ones. The real ones have better sheepskin, so they're softer," she said.

Nelson plans to add to her collection by purchasing at least one more pair.

Despite the fact that the boots continue to enjoy massive amounts of media attention and high sales figures, fashion industry insiders have declared the boots to be "over."

In a 2004 edition of *The Washington Post*, washingtonpost.com Fashion Editor Janet Bennett declared that Uggs boots "have had their day in the sun." And just last year, a comic strip published in the New York Daily News depicting starlet Lindsay Lohan wearing a pair of the boots carried the caption "as if Rachel Zoe [Lohan's stylist] would let Lohan run around wearing Uggs now. So 2004."

UMW junior Stephanie Sims agrees that the boots have had their 15 minutes of fame.

"I can definitely understand why people wear them, but they're kind of unoriginal and just too trendy," said 21-year-old Sims, who doesn't own

any Uggs, real or not.

Sheepskin footwear is unisex, although they tend to be worn more frequently by women. That hasn't stopped guys from voicing their opinions on the controversial shoe.

JUNIOR
Brian Stenger
is a fan of girls' sporting the boots.

"If they're worn with the right outfit, they can be hot. I like them," says

STENGER
"Plus, they look more comfortable than heels."

Dean Razavi, a 21-year-old senior, disagrees. "I don't understand the obsession," says Razavi. "And girls wear them with skirts, too. What's up with that? It's either cold or it isn't."

Controversy aside, no one can negate the fact that the boots have already made a significant impact on the fashion world. And with sales figures contradicting fashion magazines and other naysayers, it's hard to dismiss the boots as a thing of the past.

In 2006, Decker's doubled their Ugg style line to approximately 100 styles, up from their 50 available styles in 2002. According to the company's website, their 2006 net sales in-



creased 15 percent to \$304.4 million versus \$264.8 million in 2005. For 2007, their estimated earnings predict they will make even more money than last year.

Sales figures like these do not represent a fading fad, but Decker's recognizes the fact that their boots, like many other "it" items, may not retain their current popularity.

In their 2006 financial report, the company stated that they "cannot assure investors that UGG sales will continue to grow at their recent

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Cheers To Cheap Beers: The Best Deals In Town

By STEPHANIE SKY and LYZA HERTZ
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With classes almost over and summer right around the corner, students will soon be looking for a way to unwind. Head out and have a few drinks with pals to celebrate post-finals. Here's a quick look at the drink specials all around town:

Must Hits:

Texas Steakhouse: Texas Steakhouse in Central Park offers a great happy hour deal everyday from 11am-8pm. Avid bar goers can enjoy the low price of \$0.99 for 12 ounce domestic beers, \$1.99 for 22 ounce domestic beer, \$1.99 for 12 ounce imported beer, \$2.99 for 22 ounce imported beer and \$2.75 for all rail drinks.

Brock's: Brock's in downtown Fredericksburg has a happy hour that entices customers with \$2.50 jalapeño poppers, chips and salsa, and wings. Brock's also has \$2 rail drinks and a \$1.50 bottled beers Monday-Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. On Thursdays and Fridays, there are 50 cent draft beers until the kegs go dry. So put your drinking shoes on and head out to Brock's on Thursday and Friday for the best deal in town.

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The Irish Brigade: At the Irish Brigade in downtown Fredericksburg, happy hour occurs seven days a week, from opening to 7 p.m. One can purchase appetizers, beer and rail cocktails for \$1 a piece at this cozy Irish tavern.

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Thumbs Up...Thumbs Down...



To Kerri Scales!



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To the last week of classes.



To flashing.

Choosing Campus Christian Groups

By RACHEL MASON
Staff Writer

When freshman Christie Gill was introduced to the many campus-based Christian organizations during her first week at UMW, she didn't know which to choose—so she didn't. Instead, Gill took a leap of faith and joined several organizations.

"I chose to get involved off the bat because I didn't want to drift away," Gill said. "So, I threw myself in everything."

Shortly after Gill signed up for the groups, her mailbox was flooded with flyers about welcoming events. Instead of feeling swamped, however, Gill said the offers made her feel more at ease in an unfamiliar place.

"When you left home, you left your support system and until you create one here, you're on your own," she said.

Many religious organizations on campus are Christian, including the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IV), the Campus Christian Community (CCC), the Catholic Campus Ministry (CCM) and the Baptist Campus Ministry (BCM).

The group that stood out for Gill was the CCC, the United Methodist, Presbyterian, Lutheran and Episcopal ministry on campus.

The group is led by the Rev. Bob Azzario, known to students as just "Bob." Gill describes Azzario as a friend, mentor, and parent combined. He hosts dinners and "Table Talks," where professors are invited to speak about anything from global warming to Darfur.

Recently, Azzario hosted a talk on sex. While the traditional Christian belief is to abstain from sex until marriage, Gill says the CCC welcomes debate and discussion on the

topic.

"It's not just him talking to you. It's everyone talking and throwing ideas out there," she said.

The InterVarsity Christian Fellowship is another non-denominational ministry on campus. UMW freshman Blythe McLean says the group is not just a place for strong Christians.

"IV doesn't want to force a religion on anyone," said McLean. "It just wants to share the truth: Christ's love."

IV has a group meeting every Friday night with special events and worship. The organization is student-run by a C-team (Coordinating team). According to the campus website, the main goal of IV is "to model Christ-like relationships on every corner of campus."

"IV is a welcome place to just ask questions about God," McLean said. "We all sin. We're all weak people. We will not judge."

Although McLean has found community and faith in the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, she says Christianity on campus is only a huge presence if you seek it out.

"If I wasn't looking for it, I probably wouldn't notice it as much," she said. "There's stuff advertised, but I don't think that would hugely stick out to me."

Gill says Christianity on campus is more apparent for her.

"The presence is stronger than I've heard from all my other friends, even at big schools like Penn State," she said.

McLean and Gill agree the biggest feat groups like CCC and IV face is fighting Christian stereotypes.

You're Killin' Me:

A Column for the Misanthropes of UMW

By KAY BOATNER
Staff Writer

Please (Don't) Raise Your Hand.

We all know her--the girl who sits front row center in your lecture hall and spends more time talking during class than the professor does. She goes by several names: Chatty Cathy, Motor Mouth or just plain Girl-Who-Never-Shuts-Up. I call her Sally McTalksalot.

Sally may actually be a cool girl, but I can't get past the fact that she seems to have some sort of disease which prevents her

Not that I'm still bitter.

Sally doesn't quit after the early years of education, either. She trades in her crayons for a computer and follows you all the way to college.

Your professor constantly concludes his or her lectures with, "Yes, Sally?" before her hand has even fully extended towards the classroom's fluorescent lights. Sally then proceeds to detail the way in which her ex-boyfriend's ability to sing like Justin Timberlake relates to the current discussion on the Black Plague.

I have no problem with those who speak in class to make a point that actually relates to the topic. In fact, I appreciate it. The more



mouth from closing for more than 10 minutes at a time.

She can talk all she wants on her own time, but class is my time—mine, the professor's and about 20 other students'. Sally's chatty tendencies do nothing but keep us from learning...or sleeping, if it's an 8 a.m.

She's not just in my classes. Chances are, she's in yours too. Sally is in every classroom, at every level of education.

She was that girl in preschool who would take up all of show-and-tell time talking about her new Crayola crayons set, never leaving me enough time to show off my new Malibu Barbie doll.

you talk about the subject, the more I learn about the article I skipped reading last night to watch Lost.

Just don't make me listen to your assessment of American Idol star Sanjaya's latest hairstyle.

Sally may be an expert at changing the topic, but come on, people, there's power in numbers. We can totally take her.

I think it's safe to say that old-school etiquette applies to classroom discussions; if you don't have anything to say (on topic), then don't say anything at all.

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pace or that the revenue from UGG products will not at some point decline."

The company hopes to prevent a decrease in sales by turning the so-called "fad" footwear into a global wardrobe staple.

Their financial report went on to say that the company wants to "prolong the longevity of the brand by offering a broader product line suitable for wear in a variety of climates."

This broader product line includes boots available in a variety of colors and even flip-flops.

While the sheepskin boot may disappear during warmer weather, flip-flops will bear the UGG emblem in the summer, assuring that the name doesn't die when more tropical temperatures take over.

The company can count on Clevenger to keep buying, whether they're pushing boots or flip-flops.

"I have some of their flip-flops already," boasts Clevenger. "They're just as comfortable as the boots."

Whether or not the flip-flops will achieve the same iconic status as their boot counterparts remains to be seen. But if the boots continue to bring in as much money as they have been, it may not matter.

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Entertainment

Gracin Croons Away the Evening

By SARA BAHRANI
Staff Writer

University of Mary Washington students and local residents head-banged and hoed-down to former "American Idol" musician Josh Gracin on Wednesday, April 18.

Inspired by country greats like Garth Brooks, Joe Diffie, George Strait and Randy Travis, Gracin was a fourth-place finalist during the second season of the reality television music competition. He drew a tremendous crowd.

"Tickets sold out," said junior Giant Productions staff member Meghan Coyle. "We had to start crossing people's hands with markers."

For many UMW students, the arrival of a country musician was a breath of fresh air from the usual rock bands that typically hit the campus each year. The show was set to begin at 9 p.m., but an endless line of fans gathered outside of Great Hall for tickets, and the doors opened at 8 p.m.

"I'm really thrilled that they finally brought a country singer here," said country fan Stephanie McGinness, a junior.

Upon listening to the music, it became unclear whether the performance was a rock show or a country concert. While Gracin's down-home vocal style and lyrics were signature of the country genre, his band rocked and rolled.

Among them was a fiddler who called himself Aerosmith, determined to prove that the violin could be metal, and a bassist with a mohawk. The band's edgy style even got the non-country fans in the audience tapping their toes.

"Honestly, I came to the show for my wife," said Fredericksburg resident Rob Grandon. "I'm not a real big fan of country, but I'm enjoying myself."

All tendencies to rock aside, there was no doubt that all of the band members were still country at heart.

"All of these musicians here on stage are from Virginia," Gracin said, introducing his band members. "The only one that's not, is this guy right here," he said, pointing to the guitarist. "He's from Nashville, and that's okay!"

The crowd cheered. The floor of Great Hall shook as the packed crowd nodded and danced to the music. To have called the crowd enthusiastic would be an understatement.

"The crowd got really, really into it," McGinness said. "People around me were just like, 'I'm going to cry.'"

Throughout the concert, Gracin threw every kind of memorabilia, from t-shirts and drumsticks to guitar picks, into the audience.

Gracin sang inspirational songs about courage and love and his performance was energetic and passionate.

The band announced that there may be a Blacksburg benefit show in the works for this fall, dedicated to the victims of the recent shootings at Virginia Tech. The band donned Virginia Tech t-shirts and stickers on their instruments, including the ribbons that were on sale by students near the Eagle's Nest.

Gracin was raised in Westland, Michigan. He started playing music in high school, and upon graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps.

After his appearance in the second season of "American Idol," Gracin's self-titled debut album went gold in 2004. His second album, "All About Ya'll," is set for release in stores on May 1.



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Devil Goat Day To Raise Spirits Today

By LENA MOSES-SCHMITT
Staff Writer

Today marks the annual Devil Goat Day, a long-standing tradition of class competition here at the University of Mary Washington.

Started spontaneously in the 1920's, Devil Goat Day used to be a year-long competition between the freshmen and juniors, known as Goats, and the sophomores and seniors, known as Devils. Devil Goat Day was the final day of competition where the winner was announced.

Today, it is a one-day event with fun and games. "The best way I can describe it is to say that it is like a carnival," said freshman Class Council organizer Kelly Caldwell.

Fun-spirited competitions between the Devils and Goats this year will include a rock wall, gladiator jousting, an obstacle course, a rodeo bull and more.

The event is huge and is one of the most beloved traditions on campus, drawing over 600 people. Some play while others just watch.

"If people don't want to participate, it will be hilarious watching others try to master the rodeo bull, or watching your friends joust," Caldwell said.

And really, who doesn't want to see their room-



Coppes and his friend Terry King, and according to an online post on the "Bullet" website made by Coppes, they describe themselves as "trippy indie rock." They've played at the Black Cat in Washington, D.C. and have also received radio play on Washington's Z104.

Grave-Robbing Extravaganza and Attack Penguin won first and second place, respectively, at the Battle of the Bands last semester.

Class Council will also be giving away tons of free T-shirts, cups, and cones—which include cotton candy, snow cones and pizza.

For freshmen, Devil Goat Day is a way to be a part of one of the oldest traditions of their college.

"Freshmen should get excited to go because of all the things we are offering. There are tons of free giveaways and food to go around."

Caldwell said, "It's a great way to see everyone before the craziness of finals begin and before going home for the summer."

Freshman Elizabeth McAuliffe agrees. "There's not a lot of opportunities for the whole school to come together and show school spirit so I feel like this will be a good way to end the year," she said.

Devil Goat Day is at Ball Circle today from 3 to 6 p.m.

Soup Stock an Opportunity to Relax

By ANDY DRAKE
Staff Writer

I'd like to say that something incredible happened in the first half hour of the first annual SOUP (Students Organized United for Progress) festival. Unfortunately, I don't have any idea what happened because I was stuck in traffic helping some car-less anarchists buy some black spray paint so they could put some circle "A's" on their tie-dyed t-shirts.

Thankfully, when I did make it back to campus, the sight that greeted me was one of the University of Mary Washington's most enjoyable events in recent memory. Between the Virginia Tech shootings, poor weather, impending finals and the situation with President Frawley, UMW has been a pretty depressing place to be.

All that changed on Friday, April 20, when the sun came out of hiding, people started tie-dying their t-shirts, and the bands started setting up. In the end, what started as a party for the progressive campus groups became a much-needed reminder to the whole school of what it's like to just hang out and have some fun.

"We got the idea when the Anarchist Social Theory Club (ASTC) wanted to host a carnival," said Sylvia Sierra, one of SOUP's facilitators.

"We were just starting to form SOUP, and thought it would be cool if everyone was involved."

It's no surprise then that the vegetarian food was gone before I arrived. SOUP had its genesis in ASTC.

"We were thinking through some long term plans and thought it would be good to join together the various progressive clubs on campus," Sierra said. "It makes sense because while we each focus on different individual issues, many of us still have very similar long term goals."

In the end, the groups that joined were: ASTC, Labor Rights Club, PRISM, Invisible Children, Students Helping Honduras, Ecology Club and the Animal Rights Club, most of whom were in attendance at the festival.

Many of UMW's notable bands performed, including Funkosaurus Rex, Grave Robbing Extravaganza and Tereu Tereu, all of whom really helped usher in the warm weather with some awesome tunes.

Soupstock also hosted the first public performance of No Grapes, which consisted of juniors Brian Ogle and Lewis Kopenhafer, who played some sweet guitar riffs that really helped mellow out the crowd.

In between musical sets, several professors

spoke on important progressive issues. Political Science professor Rosalyn Cooperman-Korff department spoke briefly about the necessity of giving the District of Columbia real representation in Congress.

Next, Sociology professor Debra Schleef gave some interesting information on Fredericksburg's homeless population, and also spoke about the immediate necessity for more low rent housing across the country.

Lastly, Anthropology professor Jason James shed light on recent racism against Koreans in the wake of the Virginia Tech tragedy.

The few people that stuck around for the entire festival's four hours were treated to a speech and discussion with John Wade, an alleged former member of the Earth Liberation Front, an environmental group that is on America's list of dangerous terrorist organizations, despite having never killed anyone.

Because Wade spent three years in prison, he was able to tell the audience first hand what it was like being charged with a federal crime. The discussion that followed helped shed some light on the trueness of radical political movements in this country.

By the time the sun went down at the end of the festival, it was obvious that an opportunity to hang

out with friends, eat some freefood and just relax for a few hours was exactly what this campus needed.



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the Spotlight

By ALEX BEMISH
Staff Writer

Safe As Milk

by Captain Beefheart & the Magic Band (1967)

What it is:

The psychedelic debut by avant-garde rocker Captain Beefheart.

Why you should care:

If you ever hear the name Captain Beefheart in any discussion by music critics, chances are it will be attached to the record called Trout Mask Replica (1969). While this is deemed the most "important" album he's ever made, I guarantee that it will possibly turn you off from all the other work he has done. I personally find it to be a bit of a curious listen, it does test the listener's patience after twenty minutes or so (if not before that).

Instead, I would recommend Safe as Milk as a good starting point. While it is the preceding album to Trout Mask Replica, it has a sense of coherence and is actually enjoyable to listen. If Beefheart were to have a possible radio hit, it would have been with this record was released.

Beefheart, whose real name is Don Van Vliet, was a friend of Frank Zappa's and a singer on the Los Angeles R&B scene. By 1966, he had assembled the Magic Band and ready to release the record when original label A&M refused the final product, having cited that many of the songs were "negative." While they now seem rather tame, compared to the pop music of the time, Beefheart was making



Image courtesy of amazon.com

some radical music.

Most of the album draws from the band's R&B and blues experience, especially on opener "Sure 'Nuff 'N I Do," the soulful "I'm Glad," and boogie-based "Plastic Factory." The rest of the album can be related to the sort of music Zappa and the Mothers of Invention were putting out on Freak Out! a year earlier. There are heavy doses of psychedelia, of both the whimsical kind ("Yellow Brick Road") and the tribal-influenced ("Abba Zappa"). There's even a crazy little number fueled off the use of a theremin ("Electricity," the oft-cited "negative" song).

Due to the reliance of elements found in psychedelic rock, there are hints as to where the band was heading. The next album would be Trout Mask Replica, filled with half-completed songs, odd instrumentation, and Beefheart singing out of time from the rest of the band. While most critics cite that as the essential Beefheart record, I would start with this one first and then work your way up to Trout Mask.

Who would like it?

Mainly for people who like psychedelic rock of a stranger variety (especially if you like Zappa).

Top Five Annoying Couple Habits

By ALLISON HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Ah, it seems Spring has certainly sprung. And there's no doubt, with warmer weather comes hand-holdings and halfway kisses.

Everyone likes to take a whiff of that 'love' stuff that seems to be floating around in the air. Heck, I'm sure even the manliest of men have been known to bust out the occasional "www," when witnessing a goodnight kiss or one of those "I-am-so-happy-I-must-jump-into-your-arms" hugs. I know I'm guilty. However, the line needs to be drawn somewhere...right? Come on, TomKat, chill out. This campus is pretty G-rated. There are a few things that are just too much....

1. Sitting on the same side of the table...when no one else is there.

Do you really need to have your faces so close to each other that you can see that bite of hamburger lolling around amongst tongue and chomping teeth? You know, you can look deep into some one's eyes from across a table, too. That way, you don't have to check out the see-food or smell that French onion soup breath.

2. Public touching of uncharted territories.

Just the other day, I was bennching by the fountain and witnessed the caressing of a cargo shorts' zipper area by overly affectionate girlfriend. Ahhh! Too Much. I think a lady with a stroller just walked by. Last year, I was at Virginia Beach and watched a man with a trucker hat, back hair and a handle bar mustache lovingly stroke his wife's coinstot aka butt crack. I couldn't decide what was worse—that he was touching it or that it was showing in the first place.

3. Holding hands x 2

Don't get me wrong, I think holding hands is great. What gets me good is when there is just so much love that couples seem to think, "You know what? Holding two hands just isn't enough! Let's



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hold ALL our hands!" It just looks strange when you see two people walking, not hand-in-hand, but hands-in-hands. Sweet two-person pretzel walking formation.

4. Make-outs in highly congested areas.

It's one thing for it to happen at a party. Forgivable, even. You'd actually probably get props for it. But when I am walking to the Nest after class in Monroe, I am usually not thinking to myself, "You know what? I would really like to see and hear one of those head-twisting, body-groping, heavy-breathing, soap opera, slurpy-noised make out sessions right now!" Unfortunately, that is exactly what I witnessed. I found myself borderline running to the Nest doors to escape. In high school, they sent us to detention for stuff like that. Good thing we're so grown up now! Oh, wait...

5. Can I get a drum roll please?... Crossing wires.

I can honestly say I have only seen this once in my life, and of course, only at Mary Wash. It's the most terrible ultimate couple-y combo ever! Two people, doing the quadruple hand hold, jackets tied around their waists (did I see a funny pack?), I-Pod wires emerging from pockets, and on top of that...earbuds exchanged. That's right, they were listening to two different songs at once. What could be more romantic than being connected to your significant other by headphones and the music that pulses through your respective I-Pods? Yes, honey, I love you, and we will walk as one, stride for stride, due to cord shortage. Gag me.

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Disgusting Habits Not Okay in Class

By ERICA MASON
Assistant Entertainment Editor

I couldn't figure out what those little crescent moons were that kept spewing out from the desk in front of me. And what was that high-pitched clinking sound?

Could it be true? Was the kid in front of me cutting his nails in class? I looked around to see if anyone else was trying to dodge the daggers. But what I saw was no comfort. Young men and women all over, biting nails, picking at their scalps, licking fingers after scarfing a bag of Doritos.

Sadly, tragedies like these happen too often in class. Bored students turn to personal hygiene maintenance to occupy themselves.

Whatever happened to the good old fashioned doodle? Or passing notes? Scratching that three day old scab is not an acceptable way to entertain oneself in class. So when the teacher dives into the 50-minute lecture that involves graphs and charts, don't turn to the flesh.

Not only do bodily picking habits cause a gag-reflex for innocent bystanders, but they are also just overtly unsanitary. Nail biting can lead to infections in the nail beds and in the mouth. Imagine all the dirt that lingers under the nail. Nail biters treat that ring of brown germs as a meal.

It's not okay to exercise these habits in class, though it is socially acceptable to do it out of the public eye.

Senior Jenny Fey thinks people in need of a nail trim should leave the clippers outside the classroom. "Cut them at home," she said. Fey has her own routine when it comes to classroom boredom. "I draw little faces and all their eyes look to the right," Fey said. "And I make crossword puzzles."

Senior Bob Carrico likes it plain and simple when dealing with a dull lecture. "I stare off into space," Carrico said. "Although I usually don't have time in math classes because they're so cap-

tivating."

One student, who wished to remain anonymous, admitted to doing gross things when bored in class.

"I chew on my fingers a lot, not my nails, but my fingers," the student said.

Senior Leah Triplett chooses the classic doodling method for entertainment.

"I draw grapes and sometimes I draw a bird eating them," Triplett said. "I draw a lot of things happening to the grapes. It's a little narrative of sorts."

Like Triplett, senior and *Bullet* sports editor Stephanie Potter draws to prevent boredom.

"I draw circles and stuff and I shade them in," Potter said. "I also plan out the rest of my week. But I never stick to the schedule."

Potter also composes essays of encouragement when she feels down.

"I write little motivational speeches to myself like 'Dear Stephanie, shape up. Love, Stephanie.'"

Another student, who wished to remain anonymous, said she reads the *Bullet* when boredom kicks in.

Then there's junior Tyler Babbie. "I don't take boring classes," Babbie said.

But to cure the classroom blues, there are other things to occupy and pass the time. Sudoku and crosswords. These babies are small, thin and can easily be hidden by any Trapper Keeper or "Norton Anthology." As long as the head bobs up to make eye-contact with the teacher every now and then, the appearance of dedicated note taker will prevail.

Try playing with Silly Putty. It's squishy and satisfies all tactile fixations. It can prevent the hands from doing unhygienic things like nose picking.

Next time the desire to bite a nail, chew on it, then spit it out across the room grabs a hold of the soul, take advice from senior Carrie Burch.

"I like to count how many times people say 'like' when they're talking," she said.

Arctic Monkeys Solidify Thier Status on New CD

By ALLISON HOFFMAN
Staff Writer

Already being hailed as one of the greatest U.K. rock bands of all time, the Arctic Monkeys just released their second album, "My Favourite Worst Nightmare," April 24.

Their first album, "Whatever People Say I Am, That's What I'm Not," topped *Oasis'* "Definitely Maybe" for the fastest-selling debut album in U.K. history. The first album featured chart-topping singles such as "I Bet You Look Good on the Dancefloor" and "When the Sun Goes Down."

"Favourite," though having adopted a slightly altered sound, is surely following in big brother's footsteps. The obvious choices for hit singles?

"Fluorescent Adolescent." It mimics the bouncy feel-goodness of "Mardy Bum," from "Whatever People Say I Am..." while ironically telling the tale of a retired prostitute: "You used to get it in your fishnets/ Now you only get it in your nightdress," and "That Bloody Mary's lacking in Tabasco/ Remember when he used to be a rascal?" Catchy and definitely good for car-dancing.

"SOS" is the hands-down greatest track on the album. Lead vocalist Alex Turner's strong Yorkshire accent echoes through poignant lyrics and a Killers-ish memorable melody. "SOS" also features an auditory build up that is to die for.

After the gradual introduction of floaty guitar riffs, drums and a bass line, Turner takes a vocal break for about 30 seconds, and re-enters with raw emotion. "But I crumble completely when you cry/ It seems like once again you'll have to greet me with goodbye." You'll keep hitting the repeat button.

"Balalaika" A word for what we would call a ski mask. "Balalaika" is about a bunch of kids running around in masks causing trouble. The lyrics are clever. "It's more a question of feeling/ Than it is a question of fun/ The confidence is the balalaika/ I'm sure you'll baffle 'em good."

Lyrics aside, the track is also instrumentally impressive, alternating and combining high-pitched riffs with grinding rhythmic guitar.

Definitely sample these three tracks online before buying the album. Like 'em? If so, then "My Favourite Worst Nightmare" will be candy in your ears.

The Arctic Monkeys have found a sound all their own. With their kicking guitar riffs and real-world lyrics, this punk-influenced indie-rock band certainly brings the bread to the table.



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News

Clothesline Project Lines Campus Walk

By BRITTANY DEVRIES
News Editor

Women in local communities around the nation are hanging their clothes and their pants out to dry.

At the University of Mary Washington yesterday, the Rappahannock Council on Domestic Violence (RCDV) exposed students to stories of domestic abuse, hanging the broken silence on clotheslines between four trees on Campus Walk.

Rachel Droogmsa, adjunct speech professor, helped bring the Clothesline Project to UMW.

"These shirts are all local, made by women who have experienced domestic abuse," Droogmsa said. "They express the women's stories, everything they are feeling."

The RCDV, founded in 1978, is a non-profit, internationally recognized agency, funded by state and federal grants, localities in the district, Rappahannock United Way and individual donations.

In 1990, the Clothesline Project began in Cape Cod, Massachusetts as a coalition of women's groups.

Rachel Carey-Harper, a leader from one of those coalitions, recognized that the numbers dead from the Vietnam War and the numbers killed by domestic violence that year were comparable.

Droogmsa said that this comparison was the motivation for the Clothesline Project.

"She saw that and asked 'Where's our wall?'" Droogmsa said. "This is that wall."

Stephanie Horii, Support Services Coordinator for RCDV, was very willing to bring the project to the University.

"Hundreds of students have walked by," Horii said. "I see people engaged with the shirts and talking about them as they pass by. It is a great tool to raise awareness."

Droogmsa felt that the student response was strong as well.

"They were really surprised by what the shirts had to say," she said. "They were stopping and holding the shirts in their hands, reading what was on them."

Many students, including junior Andrew Bennett, were attracted by the bright colors.

"It was interesting," Bennett said. "It is a good idea because it is important for students to realize what is going on."

The shirts' colors are significant, each representing a certain type of domestic violence.

"We're there to help them to move on, to provide support when they need it," Horii said. "This project is only a sampling of everything we have available."

Judith Parker, English professor, was very appreciative of the messages inculcated by the Clothesline Project, locally and world-wide.

"Around the world, the Clothesline Project is a powerful expression of the perseverance and pain of local people

who are experiencing violence in their homes," Parker said.

Through these services, Horii said that the RCDV tries to provide an opportunity for victims of domestic violence to separate themselves from hurtful situations.

Parker said that the message it relayed to students at UMW was also important.

"Many people in the community are affected, and the project helps us to recognize this, that this is in our midst," Parker said.



Beth Wilkins/ the Bullet

Two students look at a Clothesline Project shirt on display.

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Horii reiterated this close proximity. "Some of these shirts were made yesterday," Horii said. "We also have one sweatshirt hanging up from the very first project. These shirts allow women to express themselves, to break their silence."

The Clothesline Project has 60,000 shirts on display around the world.

UMW Debate Sweeps ADA

Debate Team Fares Well In Nationally Ranked Tournaments, Team Looks Forward To Fall

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UMW incorporates each level.

"Most national programs solely focus on varsity debate," Collins said, "which means they recruit debators right out of high school who've had extensive experience and sort of ignore the novice level, which can be really beneficial for education and competitiveness for individuals who haven't had any debate experience."

Sophomores Dorrier Coleman and Jason Martin took third place in the junior varsity competition at the ADA National.

At the National Debate Tournament (NDT) in Houston, TX, held from March 28 through April 2, the debate team continued to perform well. Teams must qualify to compete at NDT.

Ryan and his new partner, Sean Jansen, won the top-seat in the district against George Washington University at the qualifying tournament.

Varsity team member Matthew Struth, sophomore, and Kevin Kallmyer, freshman, ranked fourth at the February tournament, granting them qualification for the NDT as well.

"Both teams did well at the NDT, but nothing to speak of," Struth said.

According to Struth, the debate season lasts year-round, with the tournament season lasting between early September and late March.

Berry was impressed by his team members' work ethic.

"I feel like I've done more work for debate than in any of my classes combined in any given semester," Berry said.

Though students compete in teams of two, they pool research and help one another to prepare arguments under coach Brovero.

"She's the reason for our success," Struth said.

Debating against Wake Forest University, Brovero's team received the Copland Award for ranking first in the country.

For Berry and Collins, for whom this year is their last, their final competitions were sentimental.

"I wouldn't give it up for the world," Berry said. "I loved it, every second of it."

As two senior, varsity members depart, qualified novices and JV members will return to the team next fall.

Freshman and novice Farah Tek spoke highly of the team.

"We're not just a team, we kind of act as a family," Tek said. "It's more than just about winning competitions. It's about helping each other out."



Thomas Wilson/Bullet

SHH CEO Shin Fujiyama speaks to the 2000 at last week's Walkathon for Hope.

"That shattered what we were expecting," she said. "I was so surprised."

The last five days before the event, dubbed "SHH Spirit Week" by the club, staged a different activity each day to rally the campus for Saturday's walkathon. Events included performances by the Latin Dance club, UMW Breakers, the African Drum Club, the Undeniably Adjacent comedy improv troupe, and musical and radio entertainment from Dave "the Wave."

The bands Junk Science, Funkasaurus Rex, Broken Blue Centerlight, the Potentials, and Northern Southerners all performed live onstage at the edge of Ball Circle on Saturday.

Local business donations provided hotdogs, burgers and drinks for 2,000 people, free massages and gift cards for the VT charity raffle.

BOV Raises Tuition And Fees

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did not blame the University for having limited resources.

"We are doing the responsible thing by

trying to keep our administrative costs as low as we possibly can and still meet the needs of the university," Mikhalevsky said.

Mikhalevsky said that the rising costs of attending UMW mirror what she believes to be the most significant problem facing higher education today.

"There is absolutely no question that our education system as a whole is failing to provide access," Mikhalevsky said. "But that failure begins long before [students] get to their colleges or universities."

Congratulations to the class of 2007. We will miss you next year.

Erica Jackson

Erica Mason

Tierney Plumb

Stephanie "crazy legs" Potter

Emily Sala

Kerri Scales

Stephanie Tait

According to Vice President of Strategy and Planning Nina Mikhalevsky, rising costs complicate the University's efforts to recruit out-of-state students.

"An in-state student deciding between UMW and JMU is not going to make a decision based on a \$300 or \$500 difference in tuition," Mikhalevsky said. "But the place where tuition really matters is for students looking at going to school at home, or at UMW."

Mikhalevsky said that UMW students "do not have nearly enough financial support." She

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JMU \$24,222	\$1,490	6.6%
UMW \$23,574	\$1,366	6.2%
VMI \$32,000	\$1,788	5.9%
VCU \$26,307	\$1,428	5.7%

Viewpoints

Nixing Nightly News

By ANDREW J. REVELOS

Guest Columnist

You had to air it, didn't you?

While the more sane among us realize that these types of crimes inspire similar outrages, NBC opportunistically choose to provide yet another posthumous forum for mass murderers on its 4/18 broadcast.

I can think of no more disgusting example of journalistic irresponsibility in this nation. Ever.

I am a 25 year-old international affairs major and I have enjoyed the Nightly News since my teens.

No longer, however.

The damage is done, and though I pray that I'm mistaken, I suspect NBC will be receiving similar homicidal diatribes in the future.

Until NBC apologizes for this monumental lapse in judgement and fires those responsible for the airing this outrage, I am boycotting NBC and will encourage my fellow students to do the same.

Moreover, I am boycotting businesses that advertise on the Nightly News (and I am letting them know).

I understand that my age cohort is one of the

most sought-after in advertising.

I hope the network suffers a serious loss in revenue, as this seems to be NBC's singular concern.

Andrew J. Revelos is a senior.



image courtesy of Elizabeth Nowrouz

Shame on Sexclamations

By KATE BURBUTO

Guest Columnist

I wandered onto the *Bullet's* page today to read about my beloved college's response to this week's tragedy at VTech. Upon finishing, I browsed the other articles available in this week's edition. I can say that I am absolutely disgusted by the "Sexclamations" column.

Let me say I am not a prude and I had my fun while in FXBG, but to have students send in and then PRINT their sexual escapades for the rest of the college and local community to read is absolutely abhorrent.

I don't know the author, but I think she

should look for a job out here in Hollywood where she's graduated, where her "talents" for exposing other people's darkest secrets would be put to better use than on a college campus.

UMW is too small for such a column. Have you ever heard of "The Two Degrees of Mary Wash?" Everyone knows everyone. Someone's roommate will say, "Oh yeah, that was so-and-so," and then your "anonymous" stories won't be so faceless anymore.

I can't believe what our college newspaper has sunk to. Absolutely revolting.

Kate Burbuto graduated from Mary Washington in 2004.

Sexclamations

Sexcapades

By Elz England, Staff Writer



The following are anonymous submissions of "sexcapades" from various members of the Mary Washington community:

On the Discovery of Orgasm...

On the discovery of the orgasm, God said to man, "Now, you must wear clothes." Then God made Eve sew them out of nothing, that's how the story goes.

So Adam ate the apple and thought of Eve's red lips surrounding its skin; breaking into the soft, fleshy sweetness, he thought of other places her lips had been.

And Eve, by trying to befriend a friendless snake, ended up being blamed for Adam's mistake.

Punishment: the loss of her virginal rose without a pantyliner for protection. (God was uncomfortable with the idea of tampons, so he looked the other direction.)

Because of this, Adam knew that she bled, and from then on refused to give her head. He didn't want to deal with Eve "down there" while she leaked, but during that time his desire and lust peaked.

He'd pull down his pants to reveal an erection, not quite prepared the amount of rejection. "Do you spit or swallow?" he winked at his wife, "neither," she responded, "I bite."

Euro-oops!

The summer after senior year of high school I took a school trip to Europe. I was very lonely (horny) to say the least. My only options were my two best guy friends (no way Jose), some fat socially awkward kid, and this one not-so-bad looking, but somewhat annoying and taken 16-year-old. So, I flirted with him throughout the entire trip.

Finally, one night, he was drunk, and I pretended to be drunk (so it wouldn't seem like I

was actually trying to get with this kid), and then we made out. The nicest thing I can say is he was awful, which wasn't surprising considering he was my little sister's age. In addition to my two guy friends mercilessly making fun of me for making out with a minor, when I returned to the States, my mother informed me that our two families have been close friends.

Now, I see his grandparents every Sunday in church. At least I always have something to confess.

Close Call

When I was a sophomore in high school, I was babysitting and naturally invited my boyfriend over to "hang out" after I put the kids to bed. We started messing around and things got a little loud and heavy when suddenly I heard the front door slowly opening. The parents had decided to come home early!

I pushed my boyfriend into the bathroom and frantically tried to pull myself together. After a short debrief on the children's behavior, the mother told me her husband was waiting in the car to take me home. I scrambled to gather his belongings, including his phone.

As I walked out to the car, I prayed they wouldn't notice the very large pair of sneakers that had appeared on the porch. The entire car ride home all I was thinking about was my poor boyfriend trapped in the bathroom without shoes or his phone. What if they caught him or thought he was a burglar? Would they call my parents?

Finally, 45 minutes after the ordeal began, my boyfriend called. After hearing the shower upstairs he ran for his life and made it to safety. I never babysat for them again, but I still invited the boyfriend over when I was babysitting elsewhere.

I would like to say thank you to all my avid readers! I have appreciated your support and feedback over the past couple years, but alas I must enter the real world. Tune in next fall to read Kelsey Clark's exclamations.

Viewpoints would like to recognize graduating seniors Elz England and Tierney Plumb for their fantastic work as columnists for *Tiers to You* and *Sexclamations*. They will be dearly missed!

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Sports



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Eagle Men Fall 10-4

By JONATHAN WIGGINTON
Staff Writer

Two days after a tough loss to Salisbury University in the CAC Tournament Championship game, the Mary Washington Eagles stepped up to the plate in action against visiting Virginia Wesleyan College.

The first inning saw the Eagles jump out to an early 3-0 lead. Junior outfielder Riley Gorman singled to lead off the inning. Senior Mike Murphy followed suit and singled as well. With his at-bats winding down as a member of the Eagle's baseball team senior Eric Fitzgerald slapped a double which drove in Gorman, and chased Murphy to third base. After a wild pitch by the visiting starting pitcher scored Murphy, junior Chase Townsend singled, allowing Fitzgerald to score. Spirits were high as the Eagles led at

the end of the first inning.

The second inning saw the hitting that propelled Virginia Wesleyan to a 21-5 overall record. Only one batter could get on base, due to a hit by starting junior catcher Alex Rossi. However, Rossi was stranded on second base, unable to swing the score in the Eagle's favor.

The third through the sixth innings saw only two hits by Eagle batters and only three base runners in total. The Marlins on the other hand, had another three-run inning in the fifth.

The Marlins manager decided to use a "pitcher by committee approach" to pitching, constantly rotating his pitchers, no one pitcher was in play for more than two innings.

UMW added one run in the seventh inning while the Marlins added two more in the eighth, widening the gap even more. The game ended in a 10-4 loss for the Mary Washington Eagles.

Swim Coach To Leave UMW In May

Graduating Seniors Reflect On Their Coach's Impact

By AMY CARLSON, TRISHA DILGER & MAUREEN GREENLEE
Guest Columnists

On Wed. April 25, Coach Matt Kinney, of men's/women's swimming, announced that he was officially leaving UMW to take a position as head coach of Carnegie-Mellon University's swimming program.

Coach Kinney has led the Eagle women to 17 straight Capital Athletic Conference championship titles and the Eagle men to five straight championships. He has been with the University for 12 years and has influenced countless swimmers lives through his guidance and coaching.

Senior Trish Dilger reflected on Kinney's impact.

"Coach has been such an influential part of my life," she said. "[He has] built this team to accomplish amazing things."

Dilger was one of seven girls who went to Nationals this year and became an All-American placing 12th in the nation, the highest UMW has ever achieved.

Coach Kinney consistently built up the UMW swimming program to be one of the finest in the nation. Since he arrived 12 years ago to embark on his collegiate coaching career, he has used his enthusiasm for the sport and ability to mentor his swimmers to touch countless lives.

Junior Beth Aldrich remarked on Kinney's influence.

"Coach is the best swim coach I've ever had in my life. My experience at UMW would never have been the same without him," she said. "He's made swimming such a fun part of my experience here and I've learned a lot about myself from the sport and his guidance."

Kinney brought a wealth of knowledge to UMW through his own standout career at swimming powerhouse Kenyon College.

Freshman Justin Anderson acknowledged this remarkable career.

"[He's been] swimming for 16 years and Coach has been the most influential figure ever in my swimming career. He's such a great coach. I've learned so much under him."

Anderson also noted how Kinney's swimmers work hard for him because they respect him.

"The Eagle freshmen have been set up by Coach Kinney to have very successful remaining years at UMW swimming," he said.

Coach Kinney held the rare ability to make every swimmer of his feel special and cared for. He encouraged swimmers to come to him for guidance both in and out of the pool.

Alumni Lisa-Marie Carlson, who graduated in 2003, acknowledged the importance of this trait.

"He was the perfect one to give advice that wasn't necessarily about swimming," she said. "He helped you out with issues you wanted to talk about in your life."

Other team members echoed this sentiment, attesting that gives great advice and truly cares about each and every one of the students he works with.

Coach Kinney will continue to this job opportunity at Carnegie-Mellon not because he felt that his work here at UMW was done, but because of personal reasons. He leaves the team in a great position for success next year, with a strong incoming freshman class and returning All-Americans.

Sophomore Mikey Pride remained confident in Kinney's decision.

"We will miss him so much, but this is a great opportunity for him," he said. "We want him to take this because it'll be what's best for him."

This is the general sentiment that the team shares.

The swim team will miss Kinney very much next year and things will be very different, but they want what is best for the man they love and respect.

One thing is for sure, UMW swimming will continue in the tradition of success that Kinney has established.

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started," she said. "For the past three years we've been building a team that started out with 8 girls who had no background in Ultimate. For three long years we worked hard to become this: A 30-girl, force-to-be-reckoned-with, power-house-of-a-team that has crawled its way up to the number one spot in the Blue Ridge section."

On top of this achievement, Dubb reflected on the sisterly bond that formed among the team-mates.

"Our program has grown so much and hopefully will continue to prosper under the right leadership and direction," she said. "I've never met such a lively, entertaining and friendly bunch of girls anywhere on campus. I'm so lucky to be a part of this program."

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them.
— Lily Thaisz
—”

These intimate and dynamic relationships are highly characteristic of the universal "spirit of Ultimat" that most college Frisbee teams seem to share.

Junior Christine Williams reflected on this sentiment.

"You can't find another sport where you'll play a really intense, competitive game, then get together after the game is over and play a goofy game like 'Wa,'" she said. "Ultimate Frisbee has the most exciting plays I've seen. There are layout scores, layout D's, people skylining their defender for the disc, point blocks and so many others. People just sacrifice their body for the game because they love it so much. As my friend on the William and Mary team said, 'Ultimate is, well, to put it simply...life.'"



Courtesy Lily Thaisz
Meghann Slattery looks for a teammate to pass the frisbee to at an early season game. The women are one in their region.

Skins Cure

The "experts" will tell you that the Redskins have failed at the draft every year for the past decade. However, having the sixth pick should land the 'Skins an impact player. The question is just about who it's going to be.

The real pick here is safety LaRon Landry. The four-year starter from LSU is a huge upgrade for arguably the worst pass defense in the NFL. Raise your hand if you know who the starter is right now.

Vernon Fox. Who is Vernon Fox?

Exactly. He's a decent safety but the true weak link in a back-field with the imposing Sean Taylor at free safety, Shawn Springs and Carlos Rogers back at cornerback, and Fred Smoot finally returning from the Vikings. Don't take Smoot's return lightly, either. The reason he did not play as well in Minnesota had to do with the Vikings' Cover 2 defense, not his impeccable ability to play in the man-to-man coverage he will again see as a Redskin.

Landry is a 6-2, 200 pound speed demon that will punish anyone that is not running Sean "The Impaler" Taylor's way, and he should help improve on the Redskins abysmal pass defense.

Many people are predicting defensive end Gaines Adams, who just admitted to marijuana use, to fall to this spot. The Redskins could use a playmaker on the other side of Andre Carter, and Adams would certainly fit the bill. However, don't bank on him lasting until the Redskins draft. His honesty about his one-time use of marijuana seems to be helping him more than hurting him, and he could go as high as the second pick overall to the Detroit



By Will Copps
Editor In Chief

Lions.

If the Skins don't trade the pick, the last reasonable option seems to be Louisville defensive tackle Amobi Okoye, the 19-year old phenom who is already graduating from college. He has

Draft Woes

the smarts and incredible upside that will make him hard to pass by.

What the Redskins may do is shop the pick to other teams and try to trade down. Running back Adrian Peterson might still be available here and many teams would want to swap spots if he is. Since the Redskins have no other first day picks, it would make a lot of sense for them to stockpile lower picks and draft multiple players. If they end up in the middle of the first round, expect them to go for Arkansas defensive end Jamaal Anderson or Florida safety Reggie Nelson, who could both step in right away and improve the Redskins' defense.

Don't be surprised if the Redskins trade down to the end of the first round and grab Eric Weddle of Utah. He is a very good safety that can also play cornerback. He also has the dynamic ability to be an explosive kick returner. Although the Redskins already have their kick returner in Antwaan Randle-El, it couldn't hurt to have another option.

Although no one is predicting it, look for the Redskins to possibly spend a late round pick on Heisman winner Troy Smith. While he may not have the prototypical size to play in the NFL, he is a playmaker in a similar mold to starting quarterback Jason Campbell. The other Redskins quarterbacks are getting old and will not succeed as well in an offense designed for the running and passing abilities of a quarterback like Campbell. The Redskins took a similar chance on quarterback and Heisman runner-up Brad Banks as an undrafted free agent five years ago.

Sports



Eric Norman/Bullet
Senior Kaitlyn Barker runs the ball up the field at Tuesday's game. The Eagle women will visit Salisbury University today for CAC Championship action.

Eagles Top York Spartans, 14-3

By LUKE CUMBERLAND
Staff Writer

The University of Mary Washington women's lacrosse team came through with a powerful defeat in their April 24 game against York College of Pennsylvania. The two teams faced off in the CAC conference championship semi-final game, where the Eagles took on an inconsistent team and emerged victorious.

The Eagle women struck early, leaping to a 6-0 lead in the first thirteen minutes of play. Senior Kaitlyn Barker served as the catalyst for the Eagle's progression, opening the tally with an unassisted goal at 23:43, and another just seconds later off an assist from junior Margaret Murray. Murray picked up another assist at 22:28, helping junior Caitlin Erickson in the Eagle's third tally of the half.

Junior Emily Talbot added a pair of goals at 20:51 and 19:21, followed by Barker's third score of the day with 17:25 remaining in the first half. Spartans offense shortened the Eagle lead to 6-2 at 14:46 off a goal from Jaclyn Girsh and another Kaitlyn Davis minutes later.

The Eagle women secured four more goals before the half's close, with Senior Meghan O'Leary tallying two unassisted and one free position shot in a mere eight minutes. Talbot secured her third goal of the game at 7:44, and the Eagles entered halftime up 10-2.

Barker was pleased with the team's effort.

"Today we really worked well as a team," she said. "[We were] moving the ball quickly

all over the field and doubling the ball on defense consistently."

The Eagle women opened their second half just as the first, off of a goal from Junior Sarah Finney at 26:36. O'Leary tallied her fourth goal of the game with 22:30 remaining, and Finney added another goal to cap the Eagle's lead at 13:27.

The Spartans tried to recover, scoring two goals off of Caitlin Walther and Brianna Yapps at 10:50 and 6:14, lessening the margin 13-5 before a final Eagle tally from sophomore Julia Milner secured the win for UMW 14-5.

Junior goalie Meredith Deitrick tallied 12 saves for the Eagle women, while Spartans goalie Anne Feustle made 22 stops for her team. UMW outshot York 48-24, and limited the Spartan women to 9-25 clears.

The Spartans close their season with a 6-10 record, while the Eagle women propel to a record of 14-5.

Barker remains optimistic about the team's future performances.

"We need to continue to work well together by moving the ball quickly," she said. "And make sure to stop their momentum on offense."

The Eagle women hope to continue to their sixth NCAA tournament on May 9. They have made five of these appearances in the last seven years.

Women Top Six In Tournament

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Mary Massacre, the University of Mary Washington's proud women's Ultimate Frisbee team, is currently on top of the world. Well, at least the top of the Blue-Ridge region.

On April 14 and 15, the disc-diving dames dominated every major Virginia college women's team (including James Madison, William & Mary, and the University of Richmond) at the sectional tournament held in Richmond. The ladies managed to win six out of six games, ending each with squealing phone calls to Mom and high fives from their opponents.

After triumphantly beating the University of Virginia this past Saturday, Mary Massacre is set to compete this weekend in Charlotte, NC, against the other sectional champions of the Atlantic Coast region (including the University of North Carolina, and the University of Florida).

Coming in at number 46, Mary Washington is the only Virginia school in The Ultimate Players' Association's top 50 women's teams in the nation.

With a final score of 13-4, the ladies were elated after beating UVA, who have been the previous section champions for over nine years.

Co-Captain Lily Thaisz could not be more proud.

"We beat UVA mentally...we out skilled and out-'rulebooked' them," she said.

Sophomore Sarah Cokeley agreed, attributing her team's win to pure passion.

"The UMW vs. UVA game this weekend was our opportunity to show how much we've worked," she said. "Prior to this weekend, our team had never beaten UVA and we knew how important this game was. Throughout the game, we were faster, smarter and more efficient with the disc. By far, we just wanted to be number one so much more."

The win over UVA has boosted Mary Washington's reputation throughout the state and beyond. Even the University of Tennessee has outwardly expressed their support and gratitude for Mary Massacre in an e-mail to the entire team. This case of the triumphant underdog is not just illuminating the Frisbee team, but the University of Mary Washington as whole.

The girls have been strivng throughout the entire school year, enduring hours of scrimmaging on the fields at Kenmore in 20-degree weather and more recently, sprinting-drills at Ball Circle during campus events, despite being tempted by the forbidden scent of free barbecue permeating the field.

Team Captain Jill Dubbs on the long journey these Ultimate players have embarked upon.

"We've come a long way since my sophomore year, which was when I

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Courtesy Lily Thaisz
Kari Vankommes attempts to pass the frisbee in the face of an opposing team member during an early season match. The Eagle women are first in the Blue Ridge region.

Good luck on final exams, and have a wonderful summer break!



Athlete of The Week

Congratulations to the men's and women's tennis teams for winning the CAC Championship